



7/27/98 Multiple injuries from fall

A 21-year-old, construction worker, was killed when a bobcat loader operating on loose soil rolled backwards over a 70-foot cliff into a rocky ravine.

The driver restraint was by-passed or not operating, and no seat belt was worn. The rollover bars on the bobcat were intact after the fall. The victim was thrown out of the bobcat. Rescue efforts were hampered when no one could pass down the cliff; to drive around on the road.

Questions to ask?

- Who in your company is responsible for checking that safety devices are installed and used on all equipment, including rental equipment?
- If you work in remote areas, how will you summon help in the event of an emergency?